

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-17, and 24-31 are pending in this application after this Amendment. Claims 1, 13-17, and 31 are independent. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 13-17 to include the elements of claim 8. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments are being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; rejected claims 1-6, 8-9, 11, 13-15, 24-25, 27, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Chang et al.* (USP 6,417,884); rejected claims 16-17 and 29-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Scheer* (USP 5,440,449); rejected claims 10, 12, 26, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chang et al.* in view of *Scheer*; rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either *Chang et al.* or *Scheer* in view of *May* (USP 5,043,721); and rejected claims 1-6, 8-9, 12-15, 24-25, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Scheer*. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, asserting there was insufficient antecedent basis for the term "the slot". By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 27 to recite "a slot". Based upon this amendment, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) - *Chang et al.*

By this Amendment, Applicant respectfully submits the Declaration of Prior Invention in a WTO Member Country to Overcome a Cited Patent Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 executed by Takeshi Misawa as Exhibit A. This Declaration provides evidence establishing the invention of the subject matter of the present invention prior to the filing date of August 12, 1998 by *Chang et al.* Based upon this submission, Applicant respectfully requests that the *Chang et al.* reference be removed as 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) prior art with respect to the present invention.

As *Chang et al.* is not proper prior art, based upon this submission, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) - *Chang et al./Scheer*

With regard to the Examiner's rejection of claims 10, 12, 26, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chang et al.* in view of *Scheer*, based upon the submission made herein resulting in the *Chang et al.* reference being removed as prior art

with regard to the present invention, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) - Scheer

In support of the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-6, 8-9, 12-15, 24-25, and 28, the Examiner merely asserts in support of his rejections as follows:

Scheer disclosed (Fig. 1-9) a device structure as recited in the claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The disclosure of *Scheer* is directed to a wireless communication connector and module for notebook personal computers. The PC includes an I/O connector and module located at the top of the display screen. The module is L-shaped to conform to the shape of the display screen housing with the connector to the internal printed circuit I/O card extending into the notebook PC frame (Abstract).

In contrast, the present invention as set forth in claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*, a personal computer comprising a display unit wherein the display unit comprises at least one of a cutout part and a transparent part so that whether the external device is inserted in the chamber can be determined by seeing through the at least one of the cutout part and the transparent part. There is no teaching or suggestion in *Scheer* that is directed

to this element as recited in claim 1. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by *Scheer*.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-6, 9, 12, 24-25, and 28 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 at least based upon their dependency on claim 1. Further, it is respectfully submitted that claims 13-17 contain elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1, and thus claims 13-17 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Further, with regard to dependent claim 11, the Examiner asserts that *Scheer* teaches all the elements as set forth in this claim. However, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no teaching or suggestion in *Scheer* that is directed to the external device being a camera. As such, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

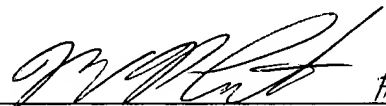
Applicant respectfully petitions for a two (2) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). A check in the

amount of \$430.00 in payment of the extension of time fee is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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